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In re application of :

Günter BAUR ET AL. : Group Art Unit: 2515

Serial No.: 08/627,386<sup>80</sup> : Examiner: H. Miller

Filed: April 4, 1996 :

For: ELECTROOPTICAL LIQUID CRYSTAL SWITCHING ELEMENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

In response to the office action dated November 12, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please cancel the existing abstract of the disclosure and replace it with the following:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electro-optical display device comprising a liquid crystal layer achieves switching using an electric field component which is predominantly parallel to the surface of the liquid crystal layer. Low dependence of image contrast on viewing angle is achieved by selection of parameters including pretilt angle  $\alpha_0$ , orientation angle  $\beta_0$ , etc. of the liquid crystal molecules in the layer.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add new Figures 2a and 2b attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-19: Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 enclosed.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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DATE: April 14, 1997